

TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Planning Board members Bill Worthington, Nick Brown, Karen Snow, Ted Franklin, Deb Paine and Bill Golden, Diane Sullivan, Lisa Olson, Lucinda Worthington, Edward and Irene Goshen, Tina Tarantal, Leo and Margie Childs, Elaine and Lawrence Brownell, Priscilla and Raymond White, Isaiah Snow, Scott Slater, Alan Motch, Amy Waltch, Joyce Johnson, John R. Magin, Roger Beatty, Eric Morea, Margaret Kerr, John Garran, Jeffry Coho, Mark Duarte, Jeffrey Perry, Carol Klass, Martha Nagy, Carol Nickerson, Kevin Kuechler, Bill Fonda of the Cape Codder, Eric Williams of the CC Times, and Pru Sowers of the Banner. Chairman Alfred Gaechter and Town Administrator Pamela Nolan were absent.

Mr. Palmer convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Mr. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of June 6, 2006, as presented, and to hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance. Mr. Lucy seconded it. **Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Public Comment:** None.

**GASB 45, Actuarial Services:** The County has submitted a service proposal from the Segal Company for actuarial services to be done collectively through the County. **Mr. Hartman moved to accept the proposal and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of commitment. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Park plans:** Mr. Morris presented the BOS with plans he received from Mr. Brown. They show the location of the plantings and parking area. He needs direction on the number of parking spaces; for instance, he needs to know if the Board would like to develop as many spaces as can fit there. Mr. Hartman said that if we need an engineer to tell us what we can expect on a busy day in August, then that is what we should do. Mr. Morris said he has talked with East Cape Engineers. Mr. Palmer noted that the Board approves in principle the direction the plans are taking.

**Review Curb Cut Policy #28:** Mr. Lucy felt there should be more to the section in Exhibit 2 that states that the standards call for not more than one curb cut for any one property. He liked the language Mr. Gaechter suggested last week when he said the BOS could grant a variance for more than one curb cut. **Mr. Hartman moved to amend the revision to add the language "a variance may be granted by the BOS subject to an individual need. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 3-1, with Ms. Worthington opposed.** There were no other issues with the policy. **Mr. Hartman moved to approve the document as amended. Mr. Lucy seconded it.** Under discussion, Ms. Worthington explained her objection. She feels the new language is not necessary; people understand the process already, and she feels it leads us closer to two curb cuts. **Vote: 3-1, with Ms. Worthington opposed.**

**Joint meeting with Planning Board:** The two Boards met to discuss the Application to Serve submitted by Ansel Chaplin. Mr. Hartman said he was pleased to see Attorney Chaplin here. He considers his service to be exemplary. Mr. Lucy said he was uncomfortable with some of what Mr. Chaplin has done in the past, referring to a letter he had written to a property owner. He asked Mr. Chaplin why he wanted to come back to the Planning Board. Mr. Chaplin said that he had been told that former colleagues from the Planning Board would like him to serve; no one else had stepped forward. Since he was running for a seat on the BOS, he couldn't serve on both. Ms. Worthington asked how he would communicate better with people, referring to the ATM. Mr. Chaplin said he makes his living in a communication business; he feels there was not sufficient discussion between the BOS and the Planning Board on the articles. In retrospect, he thought it would be better if people's concerns were thrashed out more thoroughly in advance of ATM, and hopes both Boards take to heart their disagreements and tries to work them out before it is a matter for the town to decide. Ms. Worthington said her concern is with communication with the voters. Mr. Chaplin said it is a sad tendency in town not to attend public hearings, which is the proper way to do it.

Members of the Planning Board spoke in favor of his appointment. Mr. Brown noted that he has known Mr. Chaplin for over 15 years, has the utmost respect for his abilities, and that his service with the Truro Conservation Trust knows no match. He is a major asset. Mr. Franklin said the Planning Board deals with complicated laws and issues, and has a sharp learning curve. Mr. Chaplin has been a tremendous asset. He would ask the BOS, even if they had issues with Mr. Chaplin, that they stand back and look at what he has done for this Board and the Town and appoint him. The Planning Board voted 6-0 in favor of appointing Ansel Chaplin. **Mr. Hartman moved to accept the nomination of Ansel Chaplin to the Planning Board. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-1, with Mr. Lucy opposed.**

**Interviews: BOFE:** Ms. Worthington told the BOS that she attended the BOFE meeting last night. They were not able to recommend any of the four at this time. Mr. Garran explained that they had met in Executive Session and discussed the four candidates for the BOFE and they were unable to support any one of them with a majority vote. Therefore, they are asking the BOS to re-advertise the position. **Ms. Worthington moved that at the request of the BOFE, the BOS have a re-advertisement of the position. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.** The Board directed their secretary to follow the usual advertising procedure. Mr. Lucy assured the four candidates that they would still be considered, and they would not have to re-apply.

**Interview: PHC:** Eric Morea applied to serve as an alternate. It was noted that the PHC voted 4-0 to support his application. Mr. Morea told the BOS he has been in the Harbor for 25 years; he has recently gotten his Captain's license. He is going to be using the harbor more now and hopes to make it good for him and everybody else. **Mr. Lucy moved to appoint Mr. Morea as an alternate member of the PHC. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Interview: Recreation Commission:** Mark Wilson has applied for a full-time position. Mr. Lucy explained that the current alternate has agreed to remain as alternate, and Mr. Wilson has the support of the Recreation Commission. After a brief question and answer period, **Mr. Lucy**

**moved to appoint Mr. Wilson as a full member on the Recreation Commission. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Interviews: GCAC:** Ms. Klass has applied to serve on the Golf Course Advisory Commission. Ms. DuPree informed the BOS that she received a phone call from Ms. Shrand stating that she no longer wishes to be reappointed to the GCAC. Ms. Nickerson, Chair of the GCAC, told the Board that she had just received word that Ms. Shrand had changed her mind again. This has caused confusion; Ms. Nickerson requested that the BOS re-advertise the position. She had other applicants who would have applied if Ms. Shrand had not wanted to be reappointed. **Mr. Palmer moved to re-advertise the GCAC position. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.** Ms. DuPree was directed to reschedule the other applicant's interview from next week's agenda until after the new ad closed.

**Water Service: 316 Route Six:** Mr. Simonin explained his application for expansion of existing water service. He wants to expand his seating. His septic allows for 38 seats; he couldn't fit that many seats in anyway. He provided water bills to the BOS that show his water consumption is under 100k gallons in six months. He will have no waitress service, and no dishes to wash. Mr. Palmer noted that there is low pressure in that area of the waterline, but this planned expansion won't have an affect. His application has already been approved by the BOH. Ms. Worthington spoke in favor of his application. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the expansion application. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Snow's Landing:** Mr. Morris showed the Board a map of Meeting House Road he received from Slade Associates. There is no record of the layout or taking of the road. It is 24' wide, and we wouldn't do anything different there. The town owns to the drainage; it has been proposed to take property to the river bank. Mr. Hartman noted that the BOS still needs to know from Town Counsel what our options are. It is the feeling of the BOS and the town that access to the river is critical. Ms. Kerr, an abutter of the property in question, said she had come for information on what is happening. She has nine units and the renters come in and out on the town road. She hopes it is a public road; that is their address. Mr. Lucy explained that it is a public road that no one owns. If the town takes it, then we will officially own it. Mr. Hartman noted that the historic accessing may keep that open to the public; that is part of what Town Counsel is looking at. Ms. Worthington promised that they were not going to let this hang out there; they are going to find the steps they need to take to make this work and protect our rights down there. Ms. Johnson said it was her understanding that a way that has been used without protest for 20 years becomes public. Other abutters and neighbors spoke about the importance to them of access to the river.

**There were no reports from either the Town Administrator or the Board as liaisons.**

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**At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Palmer moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider an issue that may be under potential litigation and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Lucy, aye; Worthington, aye. 4-0, unanimous.**

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Gary Palmer, Acting Chairman

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Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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